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General Assembly begins debate on Battleflag bill Senators propose statewide plebiscite to decide Confederate flag's fate

Columbia - When members of the Black Caucus in the South Carolina General Assembly called a press conference 18 January to announce the introduction of legislation to remove the Confederate flag from its place of honor atop the Statehouse, the flag's supporters were prepared. Two days later five Senators proposed a bill which would permanently preserve the flag's position and integrity.

Senators John Courson, Glenn McConnell, J. Verne Smith, Joe Wilson

and Warren Giese have sponsored a bill to put the question to the voters and, finally, to put the question to rest. This bill, S.1061, would present the voters with a statewide referendum in November asking, "Do you favor flying the Confederate Battleflag atop the State House, in the respective chambers of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and in the foyer of the State House in Columbia?"

While this bill simply lets the people decide, the House bill which gave rise to it is

less than charitable. Referring to the flag as, "the navy jack (alias battle flag) of the Confederate States of America...", the bill argues that its presence over the capitol dome is in "violation of each citizen's constitutional right to be free of the imposition of compulsory symbolic speech or expression." This bill, if passed would summarily remove the flag from Capitol, and any other public property except property "dedicated to the function of a war memorial or museum." It does not mention the three flags which are displayed inside the State House. The bill was introduced by Joe Brown of Richland County and has several co-sponsors.

Senate bill S.1061 by contrast specifically mentions the flags on the dome, in the chambers and in the foyer of the building. It further specifies that the flag shall be, "the
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Abbeville - Over twenty compatriots (pictured above) and three wives met in Abbeville on the coldest 15 January on record to help clean-up and renovate the cemetery of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Bill Rodgers, president of the Abbeville Historical Society, said he could not believe the dedication and effort of this group who

braved 20° weather for five hours to care for the graves of twenty Confederate soldiers buried there. Many of them died during the war.

An SCV camp is currently being organized in the Abbeville - Greenwood area. For more information contact Upstate Brigadier Jack E. Marlar (862-3946). ❖

West Springs camp honors Confederate

West Springs - Many Confederate soldiers were buried without proper markers. With stones provided by the Veterans Administration the SCV has been able to properly mark many of these. One such grave was that of Private John Alex Sarter, Co. B., 18TH S.C. INFANTRY. The Gen. States Rights Gist camp held a ceremony 11 December 1993 to dedicate his tombstone.

Pvt. Sarter was living as a slave on a plantation in the Padderac section of Union County near the confluence of the Tyger and Broad Rivers when the war began. When his master went to the front with the 18TH
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To you Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

**Lieutenant General Stephen D. Lee
Confederate States Army**

Commentary

"Put your trust in God, boys and keep your toner dry"

This edition had numerous obstacles to surmount before reaching your mailbox. The editors computer and laser printer suffered simultaneous malfunctions which required several days of intensive care and transplants. The equipment returned home only to be idled by a freak ice storm which left the editors house cold and dark for over seventy-two hours. It's pretty hard to type by candlelight, if you know what we mean.

Nonetheless here it is, and it is full of valuable information. Anybody who thinks the South Carolina Division is idle is not paying attention. Is your camp active in local and division projects? If they are please let us know so we can include it in future editions. If not, maybe you should be. The Cause is too important to be defended merely by great speeches and good intentions.

Our division is expanding rapidly, both in terms of new recruits as well as projects and activities, and our enemies know it. You may have noticed that the SCV has been conspicuous in some new stories and conspicuously absent from others. We have been simultaneously attacked and ignored. A few years ago we could be safely ignored. Unfortunately these are the pains of growth. But, with growth comes strength and influence, hopefully we will use them well.

Correspondence

Returned fire from our readers **Cailleteau responds to constitutional questions**

Editor:

In the September 1993 issue there were some references to the work of the Constitution Committee and the Constitutional Revision Committee to which I wish to respond.

A revision Committee was indeed impaneled with your obedient servant as chairman. A draft revision was prepared and discussed in great detail for 16 1/2 hours at a meeting of the Committee on the last weekend in January. The draft was modified in accordance with the views of the Committee and sent to members of the General Executive Council a month before its meeting in March. The General Executive Council was expected to take up the revision as a Committee of the Whole in the morning but the revision did not come up until 3:00 in the afternoon. After much wrangling, the revision was shelved. The Committee moved quickly to develop a draft revision. The General Executive Council has moved slowly to offer such modifications as it feels are needed and recommend a revised Constitution to a General Convention. The reasons for this are probably as you described them: as much of the present Constitution as was carried over to the draft

revision, there were apparently enough subject matters being proposed for revision to make the entire question of Constitutional revision a subject for avoidance.

As to the amendment regarding suspension or removal from office of a Commander-in-Chief, your account of that amendment may have been a bit garbled. This amendment sought to extend the same provisions regarding removal from office which apply to all other officers in the Confederation to a CINC with some special provisions which acknowledge that they affected our highest elected officer. [An accused] CINC would be tried by the panel which hears appeals for expulsions from camps or which tries other member or officers. The Lt. CINC would only be the presiding officer. He would have no more vote as presiding officer than he would as a member of the General Executive Council. It should be remembered that this amendment enjoyed the support of the incumbent CINC who, in fact, came to the floor of the convention and spoke in favor of the amendment. Contrary to that which you reported this amendment was tabled and is, therefore, not in effect.

As to the amendment regarding the right of a member to sue the SCV without approval of the General Executive Council your assessment is quite on target.

Yours in the Bonds,
Edward O. Cailleteau, Chairman
Constitution Committee

Quotes to remember

"...The contest is really for empire on the side of the North, and for independence on that of the South, and in this respect we recognize an exact analogy between the North and the Government of George III, and the South and the Thirteen Revolted Provinces."

The Times (of London) 7 Nov. 1861.

Division prepares as flag fight goes to the legislature

Senators push to "Take it to the streets" by requiring a statewide referendum

The 1994-95 legislative season promises to be the year that was. We are facing our biggest challenge to date regarding the flying of the Confederate Battleflag above our state capitol.

The Save the Flag initiative, co-sponsored by Senators John Courson and Glenn McConnell, consists of the Southern Heritage Association, the SCV and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Together we will all be working to educate the public on the heritage and history aspects of the flag. Through newspaper advertisements, television and radio commercials, and Flag Facts brochures, we hope to reach as many people as possible and help them learn the facts about the flag.

We have to dispel the hate and racism tactics our opponents are using to promote their reasons for wanting to remove the flag with the true history of the flag. We have to stand tall and be ready to defend our heritage at all times. Spread the word to all you know; speak to civic groups, write letters, have people sign the Save the Flag Initiative Petitions and lend a hand any way you can.

I want to thank the camps and individuals who have contributed to our war chest. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will go along way to defray the cost of advertisements in the newspapers, spots on the radios and television and brochures.

To date we have collected \$3,361.50 from twelve of our twenty-three camps. We need a lot more to ensure our campaign will be successful. I encourage each camp to have a project this year devoted exclusively to raising money for our defense fund. I also challenge each member to donate \$10 to the defense fund. I also challenge each member to donate \$10.00 to the defense fund and recommend at each camp meeting the Heritage Committee Chairman pass the hat for a collection. If you are serious about keeping your Confederate Heritage alive for future generations, this is the best way to preserve it.

Not only do we need money, we also need letter writers. Members who will write their Senators and Representatives in Columbia and ask them to support Senate Bill 1061. This bill was introduced by Senators Courson, McConnell, J. Verne Smith, Joe Wilson and Warren Giese. This bill will ask the voters to decide whether or not a 51" square Army of Northern Virginia Battleflag shall fly, in perpetuity, over the Capitol. This question would be included on the November ballot as a referendum.

There have been five bills introduced this session regarding the flag, but this is the only one we are supporting. Write your elected officials and ask them to do the same.

Not only do we need letters written about the flag, we also need letters written in support of May as Southern History Month. To this end Representative Olin Phillips has introduced House Bill 4336. We need to encourage members of other historical groups to do the same. The more letters they receive, the more disposed they are to vote in favor of these bills.

Your dollars and your letters are needed now more than ever. Teddy Roosevelt said it best when he said, "It's not the man who

points out how the strong man stumbled... Credit belongs to the man who really was in the arena, his face marred by dust, sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs to come short and short again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming. It is the man who actually strives to do the great devotion, who spends himself on a worthy cause, who at best, knows in the end the triumph of great achievement. And, who, at worse, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and cruel souls who know neither victory or defeat."

Paige Sawyer is Lowcountry Brigadier and Chairman of the division Heritage Committee. ❧

Commander Brown's farewell

It has been a privilege for me to serve as your South Carolina Division Commander for the past four years. My thanks to all of you who have so faithfully supported me during my time as your commander. Your help, counsel, your friendship made my job easier, and you share in any accomplishments that we may have achieved during this time.

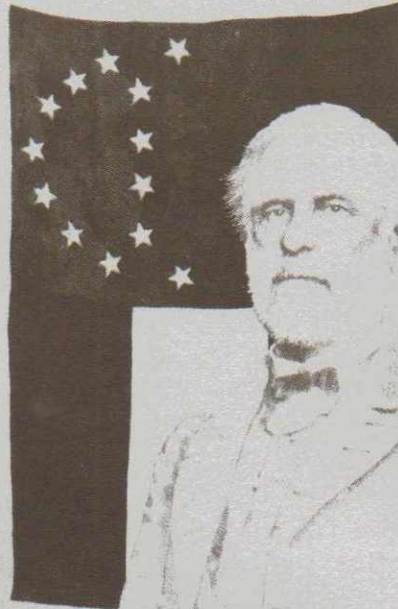
We have travelled a long road together, and have done much along the way. Indeed, the Sons of Confederate Veterans is strong and growing in South Carolina. No one person can take credit for what has been accomplished. What we have done, we have done together. We have recruited many hundreds of new compatriots and our Division now stands at over one thousand members. We have built new camps and now have 22 active camps throughout our state. Most important, our camps and members are active and involved — we celebrate Confederate Memorial Day throughout the state; we have appeared on TV and radio shows; we have participated in and supported reenactments; we have written hundreds and hundreds of letters to the news papers and our representatives, defending our Confederate Battleflag, history and heritage.

Much has been done. Much remains to be done. In a short time you will meet in convention in Columbia and elect your new division commander, lieutenant commander and brigade commanders. We have good men standing ready to take up the burden of leadership and carry on the work of the SCV, but in order to carry out their duties and responsibilities, they will need your support and encouragement. They cannot do it all by themselves. The future of the South Carolina Division will rest in your hands as well as theirs.

I call on each of you to give your faithful and unqualified support to the new commanders and division staff, and repledge yourselves to our work and cause of defending our Confederate history and heritage.

Again, my personal thanks to all of you who have helped and supported me these past four years. What little I have managed to do, I have done only because of you. And most of all, from both myself and Cathy, thank you for your kindness and friendship. ❧

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Division inaugurates Guardian program

Compatriots to be recognized for tending Veteran's graves

Columbia - The South Carolina division has instituted a first in the Confederation program to honor the memory of our Confederate ancestors and to ensure the preservation of their final resting places. Participants must meet basic qualifications, and must provide regular care for a particular grave site under Division supervision.

Any South Carolina Division member in good standing, who is at least sixteen years of age may apply to become a Guardian. All compatriots are encouraged to participate in this most worthwhile program to honor our ancestors and protect their final resting places.

Duties and Responsibilities

A Guardian shall care for and protect the grave of a Confederate veteran, ensuring that the site is kept clean and well-maintained year round. He shall perform these duties personally, unless physically prevented from doing so by reason of health problems.

He shall be responsible that the grave has an appropriate marker designating it as the resting place of a Confederate veteran. He shall also be responsible for replacing or repairing any marker that is destroyed, damaged or badly worn.

He shall personally visit the grave a minimum of three times a year, to include Confederate Memorial Day, or at least one week prior, when he shall place either a wreath or small flag, or both, on the grave.

Application

Individuals who wish to become a Guardian must complete the Guardian Application form and submit it to the Guardian Review Committee Chairman. The application must be accompanied with a map showing the location of the grave site and photographs of the grave and marker. The grave may or may not be that of the applicant's ancestor.

The applicant must also submit a non-refundable application fee of \$10 at the time of the application to cover the cost of the

Guardian pin and certificate to be awarded upon successful completion of the of the period of candidacy.

Approval of applications

The Guardian Review Committee will review and approve all applications. The committee will normally consist of a chairman and at least two or three other members, including the Division Commander.

If approved, the applicant will be given the title *Guardian Pro Tem* (i.e. For the time being), and he will have the status of "candidate." He will carry this title and status for a period of two years, less any time already completed in the care of the grave, if during such time he carried out the minimum prescribed duties (e.g. An applicant who has already cared for a grave for one year in accordance with the criteria would only have one more year of service required as a *Guardian Pro Tem* candidate before becoming a full Guardian.).

Individuals who successfully complete their Guardian Pro Tem candidacy, meeting the criteria established for this program, and are approved by the Guardian Review Committee will be formally awarded the status of Guardian by order of the Division Commander.

Guardians will be presented with a special certificate, and shall be given a place of honor and formally recognized by the Division Commander at all official South Carolina Division functions and events, to include Confederate Memorial Day and Division Conventions. Guardians shall be authorized to wear a special pin device/badge as designed by the Guardian Committee.

Guardians may care for more than one Confederate veteran's grave, and will be so recognized by the Guardian Review Committee. Special certificates or indications on the Guardian pin may be authorized to signify the care of multiple veteran's graves.

A Guardian must notify the Guardian

Review Committee when he is no longer able to carry out his duties for reasons of health or relocation. Under such circumstances, his Guardian position will be honorably retired, unless passed on to under the provisions so specified.

In lieu of retiring his Guardian position, a Guardian may bequeath his position and pass on his responsibilities to another SCV member in good standing or a blood, male family member. All such transfers must be reviewed and approved by the Guardian Review Committee.

The Guardian Review Committee may revoke a Guardian's status, if he fails to carry out his duties and responsibilities. The Guardian Review Committee has the power to inspect, with or without notice, any Guardian's Confederate veteran's grave site to confirm compliance with all rules and regulations as specified in South Carolina Division Administrative Order 93-1, 27 September 1993.

The Guardian Review Committee is composed of **E.M. Clark**, **Dennis Todd**, both of the Lexington camp, **Terry Grissop** of Greenville and the DIV COM who serves *ex officio*.

Guardians shall be given a place of honor and formally recognized by the Division Commander at all official South Carolina Division functions and events

There are currently six Guardians. Past-Com. Grissop; Com. Clark and Com. Todd; **Max K. Jackson**, **William**

E. DuBose and Com. **Robert Brown** of Sumter; Com. **Charles Hanson** of Newberry; and **William Bushall** of Aiken. In addition to these compatriots, **Larry Schumpert** and **John Shealy**, both of Lexington, and **Gary L. Snead** of Rock Hill have been approved as Guardian Pro Tems.

For more information, or copies of the application form, contact your camp commander or Com. Clark.

Com. Clark is Mid-lands Brigadier, founding Commander of the Lexington Camp and the Guardian Review Committee Chairman. ❖

1994 Convention Registration Form

25 - 27 March

Ramada Town House Hotel

1615 Gervais Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201

(803) 771-8711

Name: _____ Guest: _____

Address: _____

Camp Name & number: _____ MOSB Chapter: _____

Camp Rank, or title, Real Son: _____

Registration Fee (includes Sat. lunch): _____ @ \$15.00 = _____
Required of all attendees

Late registration fee, after 1 March: _____ @ \$20.00 = _____

Friday night reception: _____ @ \$5.00 = _____

Saturday night banquet and program: _____ @ \$16.50 = _____

Ancestor Memorial: _____ @ \$5.00 = _____

Display table \$10 per camp or \$25 per business: _____ = _____

Make checks payable to:
Wade Hampton Camp #273

Mail registration to:
William R. Hollingsworth, Jr.
7905 Dartmouth Ln.
Columbia, SC 29223

Total: _____

Ancestor Memorial Form

Memorials will appear in Convention Program - Deadline 1 March

Name & camp: _____

Ancestor's name & rank: _____

Ancestor's company & regiment: _____

1994 Division convention plans announced

Weekend to feature elections, programs and entertainment

Columbia - The 1994 South Carolina Division annual convention will be held 25 - 27 March at the Ramada Townhouse Hotel in Columbia. The convention will begin with a reception on Friday night and through a memorial service Sunday morning. Delegates from the state's camps will meet throughout the day Saturday to elect officers and transact other business.

Each camp will be asked to present their colors at the opening ceremony Saturday morning. Tables will also be made available to those with items to display.

Sgt. Ben Gormley and Miss Kathleen Shipley will present "Battlefields and Broken Hearts; Living History Entertainment" at the dinner Saturday evening. Sgt. Gormley, a member of the

Pickens camp, and Miss Shipley present an outstanding program of Irish and Southern Ballads and original poetry.

The memorial service will be conducted by Division Chaplain Dr. Terry Rude. The service will be held in the old sanctuary of First Baptist Church Columbia. This was the site of the initial Secession Convention in 1860.

Pre-registration should be completed by returning the form opposite. A special accommodations rate has been prearranged with the hotel of \$52.00/night if reserved prior to 25 February.

Call the hotel at 771- 8711 for room reservations. Call **Brett Bradshaw** at 364-2378 for other information. ✕

Convention Schedule

Friday, 25 March

6:00 PM	Registration opens
7:30 - 8:30	Reception
9:00	Registration ends

Saturday 26 March

8:00 AM	Registration re-opens
8:30	MOSB & committee meetings
9:30	Opening ceremonies
9:45	Greetings
10:00 - 11:30	Officers & Committee Reports
10:30	Ladies activities
Noon	Awards Luncheon
1:30	Confederate Relic Room
2:30	General business session
2:30	Ladies activities
4:00	Committee meetings
4:00 - 5:00	MOSB elections
7:00	Banquet
8:00	"Battlefields & Broken Hearts"

Sunday 27 March

9:00	Memorial service - Old First Baptist Church sanctuary.
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Division officers honored by United Daughters of the Confederacy

Florence - SC Division Chief-of-Staff J.J. Fox (far right) and Lowcountry Brigadier Paige Sawyer (second from left) were honored by the South Carolina, United Daughters of the Confederacy at their convention in Florence.

Brig. Sawyer was presented the UDC Cross of Military Service by Mrs Carl Lund, UDC President, and COS Fox received the Jefferson Davis award. Com. Brown was on hand for the ceremonies.



Battle for the flag

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Battle Flag of the Army of Northern Virginia (General Robert E. Lee's Army)... The Confederate Battle Flag is square with a Greek Cross of blue, edged with white, with thirteen equal five-pointed stars, upon a red field; with the whole banner bordered in white. The total outside measurement of the flag to be flown over the State House is fifty-one inches square, inclusive of the white border."

The bill goes on to require the flags within the building as identical to the aforementioned except the outside measurements will be thirty-six inches square and sized proportionately.

Before this measure is added to the code of law it must first pass both houses of the legislature, whereupon it will be included on the ballot when the state elects a new governor in November. It would then require a majority of votes cast statewide to be implemented.

The flag was narrowly survived a push to remove it in 1982. A slim five vote margin kept it in place. While there had been no overt efforts to remove it Sen. Courson, and others, had determined to prepare for an all out assault. To that end they drafted the bill now introduced, carefully crafting its wording to avoid any

problems. They also covenanted together for one of them to be on the floor of the Senate at all times lest, by some parliamentary maneuvering, a measure could be slipped by to strike the colors.

The Senators have also been working to improve relations with those who would remove the flag. As a result the Battleflag's detractors have had to use recent rallies on the capitol grounds to accuse their opponents of racism. Cited the recent rallies as being extremely detrimental to the cause, "The problem is they can't call us racists." Sen. Courson remarked, "But, a few more rallies like we had last Fall and its' all over." Compatriots to write their legislators and encourage them to support S.1061.

A similar effort is underway in Alabama where the Confederate banner was removed by the executive authority of the Lt. Governor. He was elevated to that office by the resignation of his predecessor and has yet to stand for election.

State Representative Ralph Burke is filing a bill calling for a constitutional amendment to put the question of the flag's presence on the capitol dome.

If passed by the voters of Alabama it would require the permanent display of the Confederate flag over the State House. Rep. Burke has several co-sponsors for the bill.

Several other efforts are under way to

remove the flag. Some would ban it outright and altogether while others would relocate it to a less official position. One of the latter is the American Spirit Foundation.

According to the Rock Hill Herald this organization has proposed a Circle of Flags be erected on the Capitol's northeast quadrant. Permanently displayed on separate poles would be the Stars and Stripes, the Palmetto Flag, the Stars and Bars, the Union Jack, the Moultrie flag, the Betsy Ross flag, "Big Red" (flown by Citadel Cadets at the firing on Fort Sumter), the Confederate Battleflag and the "Triple Nickel" (the regimental flag of the 555th Infantry, a black paratroop division in World War II). [Ed. We're not sure why a division had a regimental flag, or what it has to do with South Carolina history, we're just reporting the facts.]

To support her cause during committee debate on the flag 15 February Sen. Maggie Glover recited a bit of verse by Brenda Reddix Smalls, "Come a time child, when we must take a stand/Tell all them untold children from Soweto, South Africa to Charleston, South Carolina - Tell 'em about our sweetness in God's eye."

Senators Glover and Robert Ford have introduced a compromise proposal to keep the Battleflag and add the Black Liberation flag to the Capitol's staff. The proposal was referred to a sub-committee.

Camp's host annual Lee/Jackson dinners

South Carolinians continue Confederate traditions

Charleston - In the city with more history per square mile than any spot west of Jerusalem the Sons of Confederate Veterans Compatriots in the Holy City are working to perpetuate some of her traditions. Among these is the annual dinner commemorating the birthdays of Generals Lee & Jackson, which the Secession Camp conducted 15 January with a dinner and entertainment.

This year's function had Sgt. **Ben Gormley** and Miss Kathleen Shipley, popular Confederate balladeers. Performing together as "Battlefields and Broken Hearts" the pair have appeared across the state. In the duo Miss Shipley sings Southern and Irish songs and ballads, and Sgt. Gormley recites original poetry. Both are devoted to the preservation of the Confederate memory and provide a unique oral medium.

Lowcountry Brigadier Paige Sawyer addressed the camp as did Sen. Glenn

McConnell. Both Compatriots urged the need for greater efforts in the coming months to support the Division's effort to save the flag.

A large crowd turned out in Aiken to hear Col. J.E.B. Stuart of Richmond, Virginia for the Gen. Bernard E. Bee camp's Lee/Jackson dinner.

In Greenville the 16TH REG. met to hear Dr. **Terry Rude** speak on the uniqueness of the Confederate struggle for independence. He cited the bold courage and devotion to duty of the Southern soldiers and, in many cases, the expression of their Christian faith.

As is their custom the camp enjoyed a

birthday cake, decorated in the form of a red Palmetto Secession flag, cut with a cavalry saber, and served by the camp officers.

This meeting also served as the launching platform for a new camp organization plan. With almost 200 camp members Com. **Tom Whitehurst** has announced a plan to divide the membership into five units to be called Companies.

These units will be drawn geographically and lead by a Captain. These junior officers will be responsible for communicating with their men and assisting the Commander. Com. Whitehurst said he hopes this plan will improve communication and encourage greater participation. ❖

Greenville camp hosts J.E.B. Stuart

Annual dinner will also feature 11th N.C. Band

Greenville - The 16TH REGIMENT, SO. CAR. VOLS. enjoyed, "An Evening with Col. J.E.B. Stuart, IV" 19 February at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Greenville. The dinner also featured the 11TH NORTH CAROLINA REGIMENT BAND."

Held annually since 1979, the "An Evening With..." series has welcomed such notable Southrons as Dr. Bud Robertson, Dr. M.E. Bradford and former Governor James Edwards. The inaugural dinner featured Dr. Bell I. Wiley author of the well known collection "Johnny Reb" and "Billy Yank," and was his last public appearance before his death.

The camp also welcomed Army of Northern Virginia Commander **Patrick J. Griffin**, and Commander-in-Chief **Robert L. Hawkins, III**. CINC Hawkins presented the Silver Medal to Past-Commanders **Vance Drawdy** and **Roy Christie** for having served the SCV for over twenty-five years. Both men are Charter Members and Past-Commanders. Past-Com. Drawdy has also served as Division Commander and ANV Commander.

Com. Tom Whitehurst also took the

opportunity to present the Past-Commanders medal to **Hugh Means**, and a gift to Mrs. Charlene Means in appreciation of her devoted service during her husband's tenure.

Several Confederate prints, books and a Colt revolver were raffled off as a fund raiser. The camp plans to use proceeds from the event to support the Division Save the Flag campaign.

Col. Stuart, a direct descendant of the famed Confederate Cavalry chief, spoke on "J.E.B. Stuart, the formative years." Com. Stuart served in the United States Army retiring at Colonel. He lives with his family in Richmond where he is an investment broker, and commander of the Lee/Jackson Camp #1. Col. Stuart will be making his second appearance with the camp.

The 11TH N.C. band will be making their first appearance in Greenville. This historically authentic re-enactment band presented a repertoire of Confederate favorites while many attendees joined in the Grand March, the Virginia Reel and other dances during the ball which followed the program. ❖

Lexington gets Rude

War Service medal presented

Lexington - Division Chaplain Dr. Terry Rude will address the 15TH REGIMENT, SO. CAR. VOLS. at their regular meeting 30 December at the Mid-Carolina Electrical Co-operative building. Dr. Rude presented an in-depth look at the courage and devotion of Confederate fighting men.

Dr. Rude, a native Californian, is professor of theology at Bob Jones University in Greenville. He joined the SCV several years ago on record of an ancestor who served in KENTUCKY's Orphan Brigade. He was appointed Division Chaplain two years ago.

In addition to Dr. Rude the camp presented several awards and certificates for outstanding service, and Com. Bob Brown presented the War Service medal to Larry Schumpert for service as a helicopter door gunner in Vietnam.

Several door prizes were given away and a reception was held afterwards. ❖

Editor named "Scalawag"

Watford decries "arrogant ignorance"

Rock Hill - When Terry Plumb, editor of the Rock Hill Herald Tribune, wrote an editorial about the flag it didn't sit well with some York County residents. One of them Mrs. Linda Watford, did something about it: she presented him the "Homespun Scalawag Award."

In his regular newspaper column Mr. Plumb (seen at right accepting his award) decried the news coverage given to "flag huggers" on opening day of the General Assembly. He went on to opine that, "The historic basis for flying the banner atop the Capitol is shaky at best. It went up in 1962, at a time when South Carolinians were standing in the school house door to deny African-Americans their constitutional rights. If the Battleflag was so precious, why did it take us a century to enshrine it?"

Mrs. Watford made a framed certificate which enumerated Mr. Plumb's offenses against Southern History. Above a hand-drawn family tree showing all of Mrs

Watford's family members who served the Confederacy is a resolution, the final paragraph of which reads, "Mr. Terry Plumb is the recipient of this special Homespun Scalawag Award for his consistency in condemning his Southern birthright, attempting to condemn mine, and the birthright of all descendants of Confederate soldiery. And let it be clearly understood that we descendants who take great pride in our symbols of Confederate heritage will NOT yield our birthright, will NOT allow another shred of our heritage to be erased by anyone, any group, especially by politically correct, leftists change agents." ❧



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Union County Confederate honored

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Alex Sarter went too.

According to his son, Joe Sarter, who lives in West Springs the elder Sarter served in a hospital near Richmond, Virginia. "My father took care of the soldier's rooms, helped dress the soldiers and helped them in and out of bed." Mr. Sarter said.

When his master was killed Alex Sarter remained at the front. During the fighting near Petersburg, Va., Pvt. Sarter was issued a gun and equipment, and assigned picket duty. "The Yankee soldiers captured him and forced him to dig the tunnel they used for the 'Big Blowup,' said Mr. Sarter. After the Battle of the Crater Pvt. Sarter escaped and returned to Union County.

Born in March 1835, Alex Sarter was almost 98 years old when he died on 2 February 1933. Mr. Joe Sarter said he

believes the first year his father received a pension for \$19.98, and the amount increased \$1.00 every year thereafter.

When the men of West Springs were talking at Dan Whitehead's general store, Mr. Joe Sarter would talk about his father, and show the sword he brought back from the war.

The story caught the attention of Gist camp commander Dennis Stevens about two years ago. He relayed the story to his wife, Joan who was bale to locate some of Pvt. Sarter's pension records in the county courthouse.

The atrocities of war his father saw left a lasting mark, Mr. Sarter said.

"Whenever he would start talking about what he saw at the hospital he would cry like a baby," Mr. Sarter said. "They would bring the men in after battles with heads and legs off; some they wouldn't bring back anything but from the waist to the shoulder. He said he would work from early in the morning to two or three o'clock at night."

The elder Sarter was a strict disciplinar-

ian according to his son. "I was whipped many a time with a buggy whip," he said. "He told us that white ladies of the plantation had helped look after the slaves and take care of them, and we were to have the highest respect for them."

Pvt. Sarter's grave at Wyatt's Chapel, where his son has attended church for more than 70 years, was marked with an official Confederate tombstone depicting his name and unit. Keynote speaker for the ceremony was Com. Robert L. Brown, while elements of the PALMETTO BATTALION served as color guard.

Mr. Sarter said he is proud his father served and grateful his grave is being marked.

"I don't have enough in my body to express how much I appreciate what they [the SCV] have done," Mr. Sarter said. "My heart rejoices with the highest glory."

According to Mrs. Stevens the last two Confederate soldiers to receive pensions in Union County were also black.

By Anna Brown, Union Daily Times. ❧

CHICAGO COLD SHOULDERS CONFEDERATES

When the Chicago, Illinois Historical Landmarks Commission recommended designating the Oak Woods Cemetery an official landmark Alderman Allan Streeter compared the proposal to "A slap in the face to Black Chicago." Oak Woods contains the graves of 6,000 Confederates.

Alderman Streeter was quoted in the Chicago Sun-Times that, "The Confederate soldiers should have lost their lives, trying to enslave hundreds of thousands of blacks," and that honoring the Confederates would be "tantamount to a monument to Nazi soldiers in the heart of a Jewish neighborhood." The proposal failed.

The Confederates in Oak Woods died while prisoners of war at the infamous Camp Douglas nearby.

SHILOH DATABASE AVAILABLE

Shiloh and Antietam National Military Parks have been designated as test centers for a new computer system that will allow visitors to access their ancestor's military service record.

IN THE NEWS

Tom Brokaw commenting on protestors at the Superbowl in Atlanta; "Many blacks dislike the current Georgia flag because of the Confederate symbols association with the slavery movement."

From a Philadelphia Daily News editorial, reprinted by the Brevard (NC) News, on Miss Shannon Faulkner's attempt to attend the Citadel;

National Newsfile

News from across the Confederation

"South Carolinians are a warlike bunch. H___, they started the C.W. and aren't quite sure whether to give up the fight.... Why a young woman would want to go there is a mystery... The Citadel and every mossback in the South..., have [sic] risen up to keep her from defiling it with her female self.

"Shouldn't someone point out to these bozos that the time is past when a young man took his plumed hat, horse, sword and personal slave off to defend the Confederacy...?"

"We did win didn't we? The Lost Cause lost didn't it?"

"If these people don't shape up we should consider reviving the spirit of William Tecumseh Sherman."

Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun (D - IL) in a letter to MD DIV COM G. Elliott Cummings; "The vote on the UDC design patent was a vote for the best American ideals. Each of us is free to remember history as we choose, but on July 22 the Senate recognized that it has a duty to remember history as it actually occurred."

U.S. News & World Report quoting Pres. Bill Clinton; "I'm very proud of being from the South. But I don't think the position we took in the C.W. and the position our region took on slavery -- we shouldn't hide it or forget about it. Person-

ally I would have voted with Sen. Moseley-Braun."

UGA HELPS PRESERVE MANASSAS

Even though developers had already begun excavation and laid sewage lines, Congress acquired the 542 acre site thus preserving much of the actual battlefield. The National Park Service has called on the University of Georgia's School of Environmental Design to help restore the land to its' original landscape.

"The Park Service realized this involved a combination of historical research, ecological knowledge and practical landscape architecture," explained Ian Firth. "They thought the University has some of the best people to do that, because there are only a handful of schools that combine the historical side of landscape architecture with the ecological side."

ORLEBEKE SEEKS OFFICE

Peter W. Orlebeke has announced his candidacy for SCV Lt. Commander-in-Chief. Com. Orlebeke, a resident of Dallas, Texas, is currently serving as Commander of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi Department. Elections will be held at the national convention in Mobile, Alabama.

GENERAL REUNION

The General Reunion of

the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be the first weekend in August in Mobile, Alabama. All men are encouraged to attend. Every camp should plan to send a delegation.

CHAPLAIN SEARCH

The ANV is establishing a roster of Confederate Chaplains. Army Chaplain Rev. Dr. Larry W. Sizemore, currently has a database of 1,097 chaplains, 130 more than the next most complete roster.

All men are encouraged to participate in the National Grave Registration Project as well. This effort, which has over 300,000 Confederate graves on file, is designed to locate and record the final resting place of all Confederates.

For more information about these projects contact ANV Chaplain Sizemore, 3136 Knorr St., Philadelphia, PA 19149-2630.

YANKEES SEEK SONS

The Sons of Union Veterans is attempting to locate all Real Sons and Real Daughters of either Confederate or Union veterans. The Union descendants would like to present a certificate to any Confederate Real Sons or Daughters who want one.

Contact Jerome Orton, 213 Dixon Dr. Syracuse, NY 13219. The Dept. of Veterans Affairs estimates that about 53 children of Union Veterans still receive a government pension. ❖

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News of interest to the Division

Wade Hampton rewards members

The Wade Hampton camp on Columbia presented several members and friends of the SCV with awards and certificates at their December meeting.

Cmt. **Earl Eargle** received the Thaddeus P. Raines Award presented to the member who has performed outstanding service to the camp: the award is named in honor of long-time member and Real Son the late Cmt. Raines.

Adj. **Howard Hughes** was presented the Edward C. Thomas Memorial Award as the outstanding camp officer for 1993. Also recognized for service to the camp were **Theron C. Krell, William R. Hollingsworth, William R. Hollingsworth, Jr., F. Marion Hutson, Rusty Rentz, Thomas M. Rose, III, Herbert O. Chambers, III, and Scott Tuner.**

The camp also acknowledged the service of non-members Tim Bradshaw and Sandra Hughes.

Citadel camp convenes

With the reorganization of a camp on the campus of the Military College of South Carolina the Division adds its twenty-third camp in the

Palmetto state. The Star of the West Camp #1253 is composed of Cadets at the nation's most prestigious military academy.

The Division is also organizing camps in Abbeville and Barnwell.

Historian compiling material on Black Confederates

The SC Division is putting together a list of books, magazine articles, scholarly papers, historical society monographs, official documents, or any other source material relative to the service of Blacks in Confederate service. Information or questions should be directed to Dennis Todd, Division Historian, 1113 Pine St., Cayce, SC 29033. Please include authors name, full title and location of the item.

Newberry Lantern Tour

The John M. Kinard camp presents their annual Lantern Tour 23 April, which combines a series of historical scenes depicting various aspects of the war.

Contact Com. **Charles Hanson**, 2702 Collingswood Dr., Newberry, SC.

Marlar honored

ANV COM Patrick J. Griffin presented Upstate Brig. Jack E.

Marlar with a certificate of appreciation from the Army. Com. Griffin cited Brig. Marlar's efforts in the early years of the South Carolina Division for his efforts building the SCV by perpetuating the memory of the Confederate soldier.

Brig. Marlar is a past commander of the camp in Greenville, he is also past-commander of the division and the ANV. The presentation was made in Greenville at the annual "An Evening With..." dinner.

Anderson hosts Funk

The Palmetto Sharpshooters camp will present the one man play "Company Aytch" at their annual Southern Heritage Dinner in Anderson. The performance features Bob Funk as Sam Watkins, Confederate Veteran and author of the book by the

same name. The dinner will be 7 May on the campus of Anderson College. Contact **Jerry Johnson**, POB 136 Starr, SC 29684 (352-6649).

47th Annual Plantation Tours

A variety of privately owned estates, plantations and colonial homes in Georgetown will be on tour 15-16 April. Histories and maps are provided. Tickets are \$20 per day (\$35 for two).

Contact Mrs. E.S.N. Lawrimore, 805 1/2 Frost St., Georgetown, SC 29440. ☒

What is the SCV?

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is the association of male descendants of those who served in the Confederate States of America's armed forces. Its purpose is historical and educational.

For more information call toll free:
(800) MY-SOUTH

Marching Orders

Where to be, and when to be there.

26 March	South Carolina Division Convention; Columbia
9 - 10 April	Battle of Cheraw; Cheraw
15 - 16 April	47th Annual Plantation Tours; Georgetown
16 - 17 April	Living History, Rose Hill Plantation; Union
23 April	Lantern Tour; Newberry
7 May	Confederate Memorial Day; Columbia
7 May	"Company Aytch" with Bob Funk; Anderson
4 - 5 June	Re-enactment; Pickens
11 - 12 June	Battle of Brattonsville; Brattonsville
4 - 6 August	SCV General Reunion; Mobile, Alabama

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